

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

BUILDING CODE
MEASURE PASSED

Council in Special Session
Takes Unanimous Action
on Ordinance.

After having been in the course of preparation for over two years, turned down once by the council, and twice referred to the committee of the whole, the building code ordinance was passed by the unanimous vote of the common council last night and is now a law. The ordinance is the most bulky ever passed by any council in the history of the city and deals with the regulation of all building operations in the city, provides for the appointment of a city building commissioner and names fees for various kinds of construction work.

The ordinance was passed at a special meeting of the council which was called immediately following the committee of the whole meeting at which a favorable report upon the code was adopted after one slight change had been made upon the request of Councilman Buechner. This change provides that all machine shops, tanneries and other possibly objectionable institutions shall not be erected in the future in residence districts except when approved by the majority of property owners within a certain distance. The original section provided that such institutions could not be "maintained" except through the specified approval and objection was based upon the fact that this would put out of business existing concerns.

Defer Forestry Measure.
When the forestry ordinance was presented to the committee of the whole Councilman Buechner objected to it and it was deferred for definite action until the next meeting. The ordinance provides that a city forester under the direction of the park board have complete supervision over all trees and shrubbery in the city.

"I am not in favor of the ordinance as I understand it at this time," declared Buechner. "I cannot see where the park board should have all the control over every tree in the city. All a man can do is pay for the trees."

Several councilmen offered explanations and after some discussion the ordinance was deferred in order to give Councilman Buechner more time in which to investigate it. Several of the councilmen expressed the opinion that they believed he could be converted after further investigation.

It was stated in connection with the ordinance that the park board did not intend to create a separate office for the city forester, but intended to combine this with the park superintendent's job. Whether there would be an additional salary was not stated, although Mayor Keller said that this would be decided by the park board.

City Bus Up Again.
An effort was made to further regulate the jitney bus traffic when the ordinance regarding parking of vehicles was brought up for consideration. The ordinance which was approved, provides that vehicles may not park in front of theaters, the open space being 37 1-2 feet either way from the center line of the entrance. Neither are vehicles permitted to park within 15 feet of fire hydrants.

Councilman Hagerty started the agitation for further regulation of the jitney bus when he suggested that a provision be placed in the parking ordinance setting aside certain parts of the city in which vehicles for hire could be parked. He was supported in the effort by several councilmen, but the matter was finally dropped.

Hagerty advocated setting aside the court house square for the parking of jitneys and other vehicles for hire. It was alleged that the automobiles are now parking in places which cause congestion and dangerous thoroughfares of traffic. Councilman Lang suggested the question as to where the line might be drawn and Councilman Thompson declared that he thought the council had done enough "regulating" of the jitney for the time being.

Matter Is Dropped.
He asked City Attorney Eli F. Seebirt if such an ordinance would be valid. Seebirt replied that he had thought the council had gotten the jitney bus question "out of their systems," but explained that the city has the right to regulate parking spaces on public streets. After considerable discussion it was decided to let the problem stand as it is for the time being.

Just who will be the building commissioner has not been determined as this office holder must pass an examination conducted under the auspices of the board of works. It has not been stated when this examination will be held. The ordinance is now being printed and will be ready shortly.

To Reduce License.
The committee voted favorably upon the petition of A. W. McIntosh, proprietor of the automatic baseball games on S. Michigan st., who asked that he be placed under a different license classification. There is no ordinance under which the new game is classed except that including carnivals and circuses which provides for an annual fee of \$100 which the petitioner claimed to be too high. The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance making the license fee \$25 for the first game and \$10 for the second and others, the same as for billiard tables and bowling alleys.

Whether Jay st. will be hereafter called Fairview st., or Fairfield st., is unknown, although the council approved the ordinance changing the name. The street which is a short one, runs along property belonging to a realty company and the representative was not certain which of the names the company wanted. He promised to inform the city clerk before next Monday.

An ordinance providing for the sale of certain machinery out of use at the waterworks plant was also approved by the committee.

ELLSWORTH STORE CLOSES CHRISTMAS EVE.

Ellsworth's store will be open only four nights before Christmas—Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, but not open Christmas eve. JOHN CHESS ELLSWORTH.

IF

you haven't yet finished your Christmas shopping—

Do It Now

For days—yes, weeks—stores of every kind and description have advertised their choicest Christmas bargains in the Daily and in the Sunday

News-Times

Many are still offering you the best of what they have left from which to choose. Scan carefully the pages of this issue, jot down the things you want and the places where they can be found, but

Do It Now

THE NEWS-TIMES

"A Great Paper For Results."

ST. PAUL'S S. S. TO
ENTERTAIN TONIGHT

Program of Songs and Exercises to
be Given Followed by Motion
Pictures.

The annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment of St. Paul's church will be held in the auditorium of the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The Sunday school chorus will sing "Ring Christmas Bells," "Hail, the Birth of Heaven's King" and "Star Brightly Beaming." A number of appropriate recitations and songs will be rendered by the children. An exercise entitled, "Three Gifts," will be given by three members of the school.

Two motion pictures will be presented. The first, "The Legend of King Midas," will be of special interest to the smaller children. The second, "Christmas Eve," is a pathetic and dramatic story of the adventures of a little waif on "the night before Christmas."

After the program the school with their friends will adjourn to the Sunday school room where a Christmas tree will be exhibited and gifts for all members of the school will be distributed.

WARNS AGAINST USING
CANAL TOO EARLY

Goethals Says No Prediction Can be
Made as to Probable Date
of Opening.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Warning to shipping interests against the premature resumption of the routing of ships via the Panama canal is given in a cablegram from Gen. Goethals, received at the Panama canal offices Tuesday. Recently the canal slides were dredged sufficient to enable small draft vessels to go through. The canal has not been opened to all traffic, however, and Gen. Goethals reiterated Tuesday that no predictions can be made of the probable date of opening. When an accurate prediction as to such opening can be made, he says, he will notify shipping interests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The state department is preparing to send a supplemental note to France protesting against the removal by the French cruiser Des Cartes of Wilhelm Garbe from the Hull-Insular liner Borinquen. Garbe is a naturalized American citizen. It was intimated Tuesday that the supplemental note will be stronger than the note sent to France last week and will demand a cessation of such acts by French cruisers as wholly in violation of international law.

**GRANDMOTHER OF
MAUDE ADAMS DIES**

Mrs. Julia Anne Banker Adams,
Widow of Brigham Young's
Aide.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Julia Anne Banker Adams, 90 years old, grandmother of Maude Adams, died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Asenath Anne Adams Kiskadden, mother of Maude Adams. Mrs. Adams was the widow of Barnaby Lathrop Adams, right hand man of Brigham Young. Mrs. Adams came to Utah in 1848. She was for 50 years a Mormon, but at the time of her death was a Methodist.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Nelson Jones will address the high school Bible classes Wednesday evening at their regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A. in the boys' department. The address will be preceded by the supper.

FRESH HOME MADE CANDIES.

Assorted fresh home made hard candies, such as peanut bar, taffies, peanut crisp, coconut crisp and other pure candies to be sold at Xmas price, 15c lb., 2 lbs. for 25c, at the "Diana," 117 W. Washington av.—Adv.

Anso Box and Folding Cameras,
\$2.00 to \$25.00.

—Adv. PUBLIC DRUG STORE.

ASQUITH ADMITS
MANY BLUNDERS

Call for More Troops Begets
Severe Arraignment of
War Leaders.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Premier Asquith made his long expected statement on the allies' military position in the house of commons Tuesday.

His speech brought to the front grave charges against English military blunders in the Dardanelles campaign. The premier admitted that many mistakes had been made. He declared that although the British fighting forces in the various theaters now amount to more than 1,250,000 men, the war's demands were such as necessitated calling out the empire's "recruitable minimum." Although the premier did not put himself on record as either for or against conscription, John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalists, at the close of Mr. Asquith's speech, flung a bombshell by declaring that the nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power.

Generals Arraigned.
John Dillon followed with a severe arraignment of the British war leadership, inquiring:

"What is the use of sending out more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Suvla bay and Anzac failures?"

The premier's statement of the need of the army for "every fit man" included a warm tribute to the overseas soldiers. He took pains to mention particular "the men eager to be attested who have made application from far distant places—Hong Kong, Rhodesia, California"—adding:

"This has been a commentary on the lethargy of some of those here at home. No more splendid exhibition of patriotism and self-denial could be conceived or one more calculated to carry conviction to the hearts of our gallant allies."

Refers To Derby Scheme.

Referring to the Derby scheme, Mr. Asquith said the report from Lord Derby had only been sent to him Monday evening and was now being considered by the members of the cabinet. Any statement must be deferred. He indicated, however, that another chance would be given those who had not yet responded, saying:

"Those who have been disposed to hold back may now seize the opportunity set them by the mass of their fellow countrymen."

Turning to the military situation, the premier said that the retirement from the Dardanelles positions with the notable exception of the position at the tip of the peninsula—had been taken on the advice of Gen. Monro and Lord Kitchener.

Praises Retirement.

"The retirement," he continued, "was an operation of peculiar hazard, for the least misjudgment might have led to serious loss. It was carried out by the navy and army combined in a manner for which no praise could be too high and which will give the services enduring fame in the annals of warfare."

"With the exception of a relatively small proportion of the stores and a very few guns which had to be left behind and were destroyed, the whole force at both places was removed with perfect serenity."

"The total casualties—it seems almost incredible—in the whole operation were two military and two naval wounded."

**BONAR LAW WILL QUIT
IF REVOLT CONTINUES**



ARTHUR BONAR LAW

LONDON.—Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies in the British cabinet, has threatened to retire from the government if the revolt in parliament by Sir Edward Carson and other unionist members continues.

The unionists are attempting to block the move of the government to continue the present parliament beyond the five-year period, and the postponement of a general election until after the conclusion of the war.

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TONIGHTCHAS. B. SAX & CO.
MICHIGAN—COR. WAYNE STREET. SOUTH BEND.OPEN
TONIGHTJanuary Suit Prices
in effect tomorrow

This is an unqualified statement.

We might make even a stronger statement: that these are better values than you will be able to procure in January, as assortments will be greatly depleted and prices certainly not lower.

—Such a clearance as South Bend has not known in years—the Savings available alike to women and misses.

Group "A"
any Suit in
the Store
\$15

—Velvet, broadcloth, gabardine, serge, novelty weaves, wool poplins.

Group "B"
up to \$20
SUITS.
\$7.50

—Wool poplins, mannish serges, chevots, novelty worsteds and broadcloths.

Group "C"
up to \$15
SUITS
\$4.50

—Serges, chevots, handsome novelty weaves and smart tweeds.

Belted, plaited and plain models, chin chin collar styles, and military effects; plaited and circular flaring skirts; black, navy and newest shades. Many fur trimmed Suits in the group reduced to \$15. In that group are suits which we sold at \$35 and \$37.50—and our prices are recognized lowest in the city.

These Sales furnish you the opportunity of having your new Suit or Coat for Christmas at the same time you pay only the usual low January price. Alterations made in our usual careful manner, free of charge.

Make some woman or miss happy for Xmas—buy a new Suit or Coat.

We shall not lay aside any garments on partial payments. None sent on approval. At these low prices we ask you to pay cash in full. This will give everybody an equal opportunity to select the choicest coat or suit values.

All Winter Coats in four Lots
\$4.75, \$9.75, \$14.75, \$19.75

Every woman who has any thoughts of Coat purchasing this winter or next winter will do well to investigate this truly meritorious sale. On all sides women have said that the prettiest Coats are to be found here.

Late January Prices Before Xmas

Not odd lots—Not things made for Bargain Sales, all are new models of good material with good workmanship and most of the Coats

At a Full Third less than Regular or Less!

Coats of wool velours with fur collars and cuffs and lined throughout with fine satin. Black and blue broadcloth Coats, elegant qualities and styles, some have fine fur trimmings on collar and cuffs, and fancy satin lining. Others of plush, Scotch tweeds, chinchillas, cheviot, beautiful wide wale corduroys and novelty fabrics.

Every new and novel idea, in Bobby Coats, Swirl Coats, Belted Coats. Fine furs embellish many of the coats in Lots 3 and 4.

New shades of green, brown, gray and plenty of blacks.

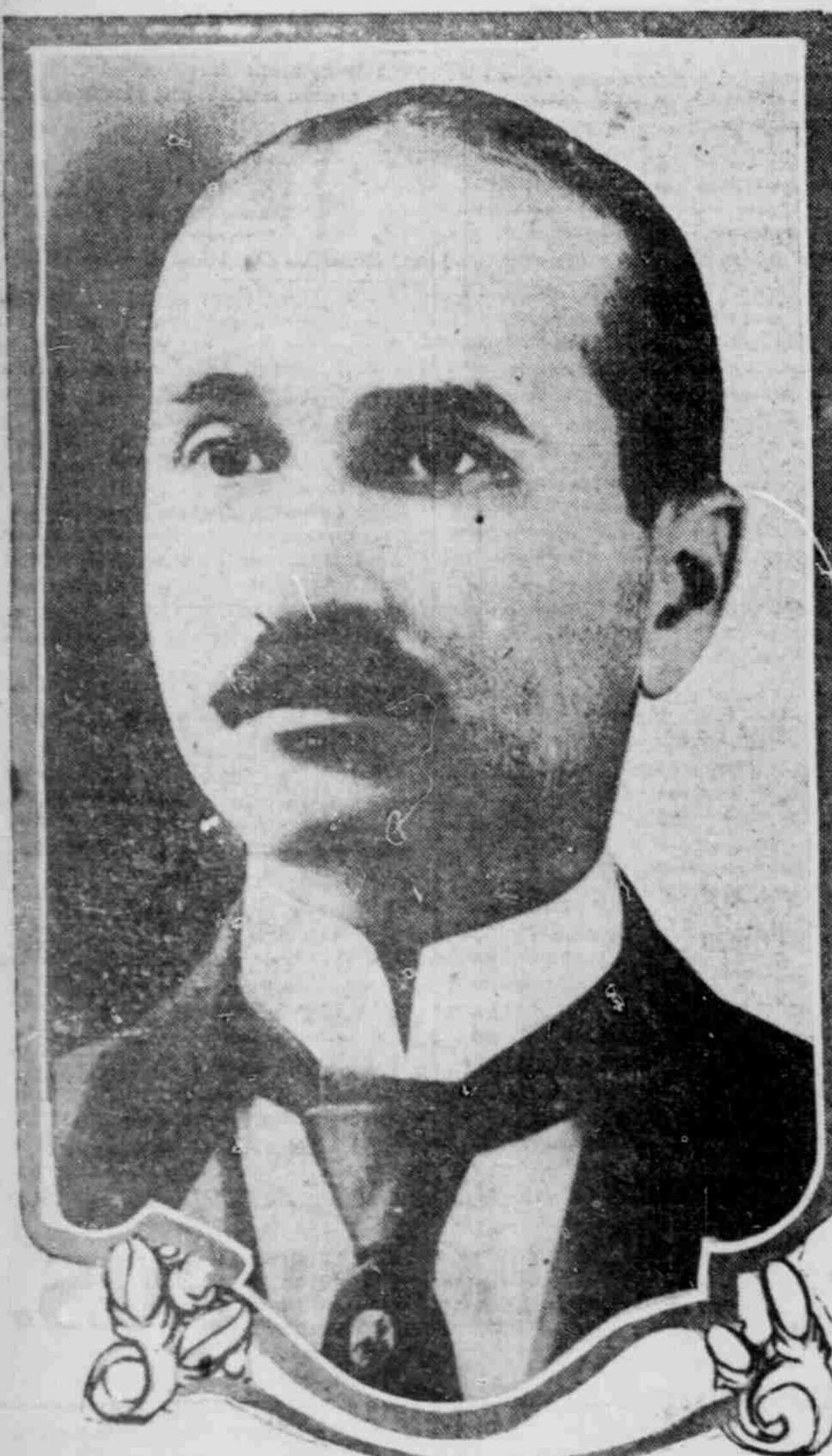


Smart black and white fancy satin stripe 36-in. taffeta silk, for lovely dresses and waists, per yard—\$1.25.

Black Plush, yd.—\$1.25.

Messaline Silks, 27-inch, over 60 different shades, per yard—65c.

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